

MD iMap Executive Committee
February 24, 2010 Meeting
StateStat Office 3-5 pm

Minutes

Elliot welcomed attendees and conducted introductions around the room. He also described a simple vision for MD iMap. This vision encapsulates duties and responsibilities as well as value to the State and users of MD iMap. It purposefully omitted costs and the people necessary to support that vision. Ideas first – Budget Second.

MD iMap = federated model, is the basis for enterprise GIS in the State; provides the opportunity to consolidate efforts, costs, and labor; respects existing agency efforts; affords data sharing; focus on the “good of the order” for citizens. It also serves to de-mystify GIS for state agencies and the public alike in that it lowers the technology threshold to use MD iMap’s capabilities.

A comment was made that iMap represents three areas of use and benefit to state agencies:

1. Operations
2. Executive management
3. Transparency - Public access to complex information made simpler by mapping it.

These areas focus on sharing data by making data from one agency available to many agencies. As agency’s we need to share data more effectively – it’s been clumsy heretofore. By putting GIS on the web, agencies can move from sharing only text data to interactive map data where the users can provide input on how they want to see the data.

Specific Issues Raised (in no particular order)

- Executive members would like a “cheat sheet” available to them. It includes policies, standards, guidelines, resources available, etc. They’d like an MD iMap Executive Committee web site. The soon-to-be-released MD iMap Portal was discussed. The Committee will be provided with the URL when public.
- As a concept, the idea of reallocating resources to support iMap is one possible option for identifying funds.
- Everyone recognizes that funds play a key role for MD iMap. Therefore DBM should be an active member of the Committee.
- Key map layers (databases) include routable road centerlines, imagery and parcels.
- **The Technical Committee:**
 - Has not systematically reached out or provided education to agencies.
 - It does not have a complete or current inventory of GIS assets.
 - Has not provided configuration information or use requirements to agencies. It does have, however, written procedures for submitting data and developing applications.
- **Sharing Data Issues**
 - Security and failover access to iMap are critical for wide-spread adoption. Security is both real security and perceived. Providers have to feel comfortable about sharing their data.
 - Liability must be addressed – accuracy, ownership, chain of custody. Degrees of liability may vary with different types of data.
- iMap is similar to the Network Maryland governance structure in which only the stakeholders are involved. The subcommittee structure includes Bylaws, Standards and Marketing. A change in the Technical Committee structure was suggested by separating technical issues from marketing issues by creating a Marketing Committee. Also suggested was to make Marketing a standard agenda item.
- The Committee doesn’t know it’s role yet. How to determine it’s role?
- Next agenda item demo topic – Public Safety dashboard and map (Beth).
- Next agenda items – MOU and Business Plan.

- Get Data Sharing MOU to Beth for Governor's staff to review.
- Meetings will be held on a two-month interval. Next meeting April 28. 3-5 in the StateStat room.

MD iMap Executive Committee Agenda February 24, 2010

- 3:00 Welcoming Remarks - Elliot
- 3:05 Introductions – Elliot
- 3:15 MD Imap Executive Order (brief discussion of the major pieces of the EO for background specially for the new members) - Kenny
 - MD iMap
 - Executive Committee
 - Technical Committee
 - GIO
 - MSGIC
- 3:30 Tasks of the Executive Committee (charter document, meeting schedule) - Elliot
- 3:50 Quick Demo's of MD iMap applications – Beth and Kenny
 - StateStat Recovery Map
 - Budget Map
 - H1N1 Virus Map
 - Marylander's Planting Trees Map
- 4:10 GIO Report - Kenny
- 4:20 Technical Committee Report and Action Items – Graham
- 4:30 New Business - Elliot
- 4:40 Adjourn - Elliot

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